



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

We have had two straight weeks of weird incidents with vehicles being "high centered" on medians. Here's this week's version: Last Saturday night, Officer Bryan Hall was traveling on First Street at Charleston Avenue when he was nearly struck by another vehicle. He had to activate his emergency lights and siren to help avoid a head-on collision. The driver of the vehicle backed up and then began to rev the engine and flee when he became high-centered on the center median. The tires were spinning furiously as the driver attempted to get away. Lots of RPMs but no movement. Officer Hall calmly contacted the driver, who was unsurprisingly highly intoxicated. Officer Hall asked the man if he was in this situation because of alcohol. The driver sheepishly nodded yes. The State Patrol assisted with processing the arrest, and the driver was a .22 alcohol content, almost four times the legal limit.

Sgt. Meade titled this incident from Sunday night as "What Exactly Did You Think Was Going to Happen?" Officers Tim Garrity, Joshua Stottlemeyer and Frank Shaw responded to an address on 6th Street to investigate a domestic assault. The male occupant of the residence had invited his ex-girlfriend, and mother of his child, to live with him...along with his current girlfriend. Um...yeah...that's a super idea.



He was surprised when the ex-girlfriend, known to have drinking problems and mental health issues, became upset with the current girlfriend and threatened to burn down the house. When the threats did not work in removing Current Girlfriend, Ex-Girlfriend attacked. The house was littered with puzzle pieces, broken furniture, and a damaged TV projector. Ex-Girlfriend went to jail.

[Click here](#) for the press release on the pedestrian fatality that occurred last Tuesday morning.

Wednesday afternoon we received a report from a victim who had been driving down Hwy. 3 toward Bremerton, when a person in another car pulled up beside the victim and pointed a gun. The suspect then continued to follow the victim all the way down Kitsap Way. Officers located the suspect car, parked at the 7-11 store on Callow. The suspect was taken into custody without incident, and a BB gun was found under the passenger seat. It was a very realistic looking gun. The victim reported moving out of the suspect's way on Hwy 3 and then the suspect pulled up beside the victim and pointed the gun directly at the victim. The suspect told officers "that he thought the victim was drunk, so he thought he would show his gun to get the victim to pull over." Not the best story we have ever heard, and we used the old cliché, "Tell it to the Judge."

Wednesday night Officer Brandon Greenhill researched recently issued felony warrants out of Kitsap County. One of the warrants was a \$250,000 (!) felony arrest warrant for Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Assault, for a suspect named Andrew Tobler. You may have read about this case; Tobler was the suspect who was

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allegedly intoxicated and caused a four car collision in Gorst on November 19th, 2015. The collision killed a 71 year old Belfair man and injured two others, [click here](#) to read about the incident in the Bremerton Patriot article. After finding the warrant, Officer Greenhill started checking possible contacts and acquaintances, and ultimately located a possible address where he was living in Tacoma. Officer Greenhill contacted the Tacoma Police Department, and within about an hour of making this call, Tobler was in custody. Tacoma PD transported Tobler to our area and he was jailed in Kitsap County. Outstanding work by Officer Greenhill!

Below is a photo of Tom Weed from the Kitsap Humane Society accepting the "big check" for \$340 from Officer Jordan Ejde. Jordan chose the Humane Society as this month's recipient for our "Fuzz Fund". Our total Fuzz Fund contributions to worthy causes totaled \$4169.00 for 2015, all contributed by department members.



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